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The Honorable Chris Koster  
Attorney General of Missouri  
P.O. Box 899  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Attorney General Koster:

I wanted to thank you for taking the time to attend the August 6 meeting with representatives of the Lambert St. Louis-International Airport, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and this Agency, at which the COE presented their evaluation of the various options and technicalities associated with construction of an isolation barrier. As you heard at that meeting, the design and construction of the isolation barrier is a tremendously complicated task, made even more so by the proximity of the airport and its requirement to ensure that any work performed at the landfill does not put the public at risk due to new or increased bird hazards to aircraft.

I also appreciate your August 11, 2014, letter to me in which you asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to consider a schedule that would ultimately result in final decisions on the plans for the isolation barrier by the end of the calendar year. Over the course of the next few months, the Agency expects to direct the Potentially Responsible Parties to submit more detailed plans for the isolation barrier and associated bird strike mitigation plans which could then be presented for evaluation by the COE, our technical advisers on this project, and the Airport. I believe this schedule aligns with that suggested in your August 11 letter.

Thank you again for your leadership during our August 6 meeting and for your recognition that, while further evaluation of the isolation barrier is time critical, the Airport, the City of St Louis and this Agency cannot overlook the need to mitigate the impact of excavation and construction of the barrier on the flying public's health and safety.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Slugantz at (913) 551-7883.

Sincerely,

  
Karl Brooks

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